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SEMIPERMEABLE MEMBRANE
SUPPORT AND PROCESS OF
PREPARATION THEREOF

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 6, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 3, please replace the paragraph spanning lines 4-11 with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to the present invention, there is provided a semipermeable membrane support which includes a non-woven fabric including main fiber and binder fiber, both of which are formed of synthetic resin fine fiber, the non-woven fabric being manufactured by heating and pressing after paper making, wherein the semipermeable membrane support has a ratio of a tensile strength in a paper feeding direction to that in a width direction of 2:1 to 1:1, to prevent the bend in the width direction during the semipermeable membrane formation.